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SIMPLIFIED IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL MACHINES FOR PROTOCOLS WITH A LAYERED STRUCTURE

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INVENTION: SIMPLIFIED IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL
MACHINES FOR PROTOCOLS WITH A LAYERED
STRUCTURE

15 Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International Application before entry
20 into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35
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In the Specification:

Please replace the Specification of the present application, including the
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S P E C I F I C A T I O N

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SIMPLIFIED IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL MACHINES FOR
PROTOCOLS WITH A LAYERED STRUCTURE

The present invention relates to a protocol machine, which handles
30 messages using a protocol which includes the functionality for complete, sequence-
protected transmission of messages, with the protocol having a layer structure for
complete, sequence-protected transmission.

Protected, that is to say complete and sequence-protected transmission, is made possible by many communication protocols. In this context, complete transmission refers to all messages transmitted being received. The order of the reception is of no importance here. Furthermore, sequence-protected transmission 5 refers to the messages being received in the order in which they have been transmitted. Loss of messages is permissible. It is advantageous to split a protocol, which guarantees complete and sequence-protected transmission, into two sublayers: one sublayer implements the complete transmission; a sublayer below that then implements the sequence-protected transmission on the basis of the 10 complete transmission. This structure is shown in Figure 1.

The messages carrying user data are also structured in accordance with the structure of the protocol machines. This structure is shown in Figure 2. In the message format, there is a sequence number for sublayer 1 which provides complete transmission. To solve the problem of head-of-line blocking, protocols 15 having a layered structure are based on there being a number of message streams which do not mutually influence one another. To identify its association with a message stream, each message contains an identifier of the message stream to which the message belongs. Finally, each message also contains another number for sequence protection within a message stream. These two data items are used by 20 sublayer 2 for transferring the user data to the user of the protocol in the correct order. Furthermore, there is a message stream which plays a special role in as much as the messages are not transmitted sequence-protected in it, that is to say it is not processed by sublayer 2. Examples of these structures are, e.g., MDTP which is currently being standardized at the IETF, and MSSCOP (to be called SSCOPMCE 25 in future) which is currently being standardized at the ITU. A further example of such a structure can be found in US patent 4,703,475.

However, there are applications in which only complete transmission is needed. For this purpose, protocols could be developed which do exactly this. In practice, however, this is not done but existing protocols are used for protected 30 transmission. As a result, the protocol machines used do more than is required. It is, therefore, advantageous to implement simplified versions of protocol machines

which only guarantee complete transmission and still conform to the protocol. As a result, they can communicate with protocol machines which implement the entire protocol.

5 In most cases, established protocols previously have been used for protected transmission. Special protocols also may be used which only provide for complete transmission.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A major aspect of the present invention is that the protocol machine, for processing the messages, uses only the functions of the complete transmission of 10 the protocol in conformance with the protocol. The solution specified here allows the implementation of protocol machines for protocols having a layered structure to be considerably simplified if only the complete transmission is needed as function of the protocol. As such, the implementation consists of fewer lines of source code and considerably less resources (storage space, CPU power) are needed at run time. 15 It will be shown that an implementation can even be achieved in such a manner that it can cooperate without problems with protocol machines which use all of the functions of the protocol. For this purpose, the functions of the protocol machine are restricted in such a manner that, apart from the message stream which assumes the special role, no others can be used. However, this requires that the protocol 20 contains the required elements for rejecting unwanted messages. This is provided in MDTP and MSSCOP.

A special feature of the present invention lies in the recognition that, for the complete transmission of information, protocols having a layout structure can be used which actually guarantee protected transmission without needing to 25 implement the functions necessary for sequence protection in the protocol machines.

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 shows a protocol, which guarantees complete and sequence-protected transmission, split into two sublayers.

5 Figure 2 shows messages structured in accordance with the structure of a protocol machine.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The exemplary embodiment to be provided here is a simplified implementation of a protocol machine for the MDTP protocol which is currently being discussed in its version 5 at the IETF. However, the possibility of rejecting a 10 stream initiation (stream initiation NAK) is already being used here which will only be contained in version 6 of the protocol. It is also assumed that stream 0, a stream having a special role, is modified to the extent that all data parts with stream identifier 0 carry the sequence number 0. As such, that no sequence-protected transmission is possible in stream 0.

15 On the basis of these assumptions, a simplified implementation will be described in comparison with a complete implementation. A complete reference implementation of MDTP will be available shortly.

Firstly, the performance during the processing of received control parts (message components for stream management) will be described:

20 All control parts apart from the stream initiation message are dealt with as in the case of a full implementation. The simplified implementation responds to a stream initiation by sending a corresponding stream initiation Nak. All other messages relating to stream management (stream initiation Ack, stream termination, stream termination Ack) are discarded in conformance with the 25 protocol.

The performance in processing data parts does not differ from the standard: with the circumstances given here, this refers to data parts being discarded, the stream identifier of which is not equal to 0 or the sequence number of which is not equal to 0.

30 The differences in coding the protocol machines are essentially as follows:

in the simplified implementation, the treatment of the stream management messages is trivial: either a message is send out (stream initiation Nak) or the received message is discarded. This essentially saves having to code the treatment of these messages and completely the monitoring of the transmission of these

5 messages. Furthermore, the code responsible for sequence protection within a stream does not need to be implemented. Furthermore, the complete receive buffer, which is needed for sequence protection and may have to be very large since the size of the data parts is only restricted by the size of the UPD datagrams (approx. 64 kB), can be dispensed with. In the simplified implementation, this

10 saves some of the code and the essential part of the memory needed for the implementation.

Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set

15 forth in the hereafter appended claims.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Simplified implementation of protocol machines for protocols having a layered structure, wherein the simplified protocol machine which uses the above protocols in conformance with the protocol to provide for only complete transmission.

In the Claims:

On page 6, cancel line 1 and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefor:

CLAIMS

5 Please cancel claims 1-4, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

5. A protocol machine for processing messages, comprising a protocol which is used by the protocol machine for the processing of messages, the protocol including functions for complete and sequence-protected transmission of messages
10 and having a layered structure with respect to the complete and sequence-protected transmission, wherein the protocol machine only uses the functions for complete transmission of the protocol in conformance with the protocol.

6. A protocol machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein the functions of
15 the protocol machine are restricted such that only a message stream in which the messages are not transmitted sequence-protected can be used for transmitting messages with the aid of the protocol.

7. A protocol machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein the protocol is
20 MDTP.

8. A protocol machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein the protocol is
MSSCOP.

REMARKS

25 The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby.

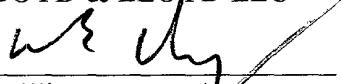
30 Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned
“Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made.”

In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-4 in favor of new claims 5-8. Claims 5-8 have been presented solely because the revisions by crossing out underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-4 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent Practice 5 would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-4 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-4.

10 Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Description

SPECIFICATION

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SIMPLIFIED IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL MACHINES FOR
PROTOCOLS WITH A LAYERED STRUCTURE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a protocol machine, which handles 10 messages using a protocol which ~~comprises~~ includes the functionality for complete, sequence-protected transmission of messages, with the protocol having a layer structure for complete, sequence-protected transmission.

Protected, that is to say complete and sequence-protected transmission, is made possible by many communication protocols. In this context, complete 15 transmission ~~means that~~ refers to all messages transmitted ~~are being~~ received. The order of the reception is of no importance here. Furthermore, sequence-protected transmission ~~means that~~ refers to the messages ~~are being~~ received in the order in which they have been transmitted. Loss of messages is permissible. It is ~~of~~ advantage advantageous to split a protocol, which guarantees complete and 20 sequence-protected transmission, into two sublayers: one sublayer implements the complete transmission; a sublayer below that then implements the sequence-protected transmission on the basis of the complete transmission. This structure is shown in ~~figure~~ Figure 1.

The messages carrying user data are also structured in accordance with the 25 structure of the protocol machines. This structure is shown in ~~figure~~ Figure 2. In the message format, there is a sequence number for sublayer 1 which provides complete transmission. To solve the problem of head-of-line blocking, protocols having a layered structure are based on there being a number of message streams which do not mutually influence one another. To identify its association with a 30 message stream, each message contains an identifier of the message stream to which the message belongs. Finally, each message also contains another number

for sequence protection within a message stream. These two data items are used by sublayer 2 for transferring the user data to the user of the protocol in the correct order. Furthermore, there is a message stream which plays a special role in as much as the messages are not transmitted sequence-protected in it, that is to say it is not processed by sublayer 2. Examples of these structures are, e.g., MDTP which is currently being standardized at the IETF, and MSSCOP (to be called SSCOPMCE in future) which is currently being standardized at the ITU. A further example of such a structure can be found in US patent 4,703,475.

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In most cases, established protocols ~~have~~ previously have been used for protected transmission. Special protocols ~~may~~ also may be used which only provide for complete transmission.

20 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The ~~A~~ major aspect of the present invention is that the protocol machine, for processing the messages, uses only the functions of the complete transmission of ~~said~~ the protocol in conformance with the protocol. The solution specified here allows the implementation of protocol machines for protocols having a layered structure to be considerably simplified if only the complete transmission is needed as function of the protocol. ~~This means not only that~~ As such, the implementation consists of fewer lines of source code ~~but also that~~ and considerably less resources (storage space, CPU power) are needed at run time. It will be shown that an implementation can even be achieved in such a manner that it can cooperate without problems with protocol machines which use all of the functions of the protocol. For this purpose, the functions of the protocol machine are restricted in

such a manner that, apart from the message stream which assumes the special role, no others can be used. However, this requires that the protocol contains the required elements for rejecting unwanted messages. This is provided in MDTP and MSSCOP.

5 A special feature of the present invention relies lies in the recognition that, for the complete transmission of information, protocols having a layout structure can be used which actually guarantee protected transmission without needing to implement the functions necessary for sequence protection in the protocol machines.

10 Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

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15 Figure 1 shows a protocol, which guarantees complete and sequence-protected transmission, split into two sublayers.

Figure 2 shows messages structured in accordance with the structure of a protocol machine.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

20 The exemplary embodiment to be provided here is a simplified implementation of a protocol machine for the MDTP protocol which is currently being discussed in its version 5 at the IETF. However, the possibility of rejecting a stream initiation (stream initiation NAK) is already being used here which will only be contained in version 6 of the protocol. It is also assumed that stream 0, a stream having a special role, is modified to the extent that all data parts with stream 25 identifier 0 carry the sequence number 0. This means As such, that no sequence-protected transmission is possible in stream 0.

On the basis of these assumptions, a simplified

implementation will be described in comparison with a complete implementation. A complete reference implementation of MDTP will be available shortly.

Firstly, the performance during the processing of received control parts (message components for stream management) will be described:

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10 protocol.

The performance in processing data parts does not differ from the standard: with the circumstances given here, this ~~means that~~ refers to data parts are being discarded, the stream identifier of which is not equal to 0 or the sequence number of which is not equal to 0.

15 The differences in coding the protocol machines are essentially as follows: in the simplified implementation, the treatment of the stream management messages is trivial: either a message is send out (stream initiation Nak) or the received message is discarded. This essentially saves having to code the treatment of these messages and completely the monitoring of the transmission of these
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Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.

Abstract

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Simplified implementation of protocol machines for protocols having a layered structure, wherein the The protected, that is to say complete and sequence protected transmission is made possible by many communication protocols. However, there are applications in which only complete transmission is needed. The invention discloses a simplified protocol machine which uses the above protocols in conformance with the protocol to provide for only complete transmission.

Figure 1

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Description

Simplified implementation of protocol machines for
protocols with a layered structure

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The invention relates to a protocol machine, which handles messages using a protocol which comprises the functionality for complete, sequence-protected transmission of messages, with the protocol having a 10 layer structure for complete, sequence-protected transmission.

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Protected, that is to say complete and sequence-protected transmission is made possible by many communication protocols. In this context, complete transmission means that all messages transmitted are received. The order of the reception is of no importance here. Furthermore, sequence-protected transmission means that the messages are received in 20 the order in which they have been transmitted. Loss of messages is permissible. It is of advantage to split a protocol, which guarantees complete and sequence-protected transmission, into two sublayers: one sublayer implements the complete transmission; a 25 sublayer below that then implements the sequence-protected transmission on the basis of the complete transmission. This structure is shown in figure 1.

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The messages carrying user data are also structured in accordance with the structure of the protocol machines. This structure is shown in figure 2. In the message format, there is a sequence number for sublayer 1 which provides complete transmission. To solve the problem of head-of-line blocking, protocols having a layered 35 structure are based on there being a number of message streams which do not mutually influence one another. To identify its association with a message stream, each

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In most cases, established protocols have previously 30 been used for protected transmission. Special protocols may also be used which only provide for complete transmission.

The major aspect of the present invention is that the 35 protocol machine, for processing the messages, uses only the functions of the complete transmission of said protocol in conformance with the protocol. The solution specified here allows the implementation of protocol machines for protocols having a layered structure

to be considerably simplified if only the complete transmission is needed as function of the protocol. This means not only that the implementation consists of fewer lines of source code but also that considerably 5 less resources (storage space, CPU power) are needed at run time. It will be shown that an implementation can even be achieved in such a manner that it can cooperate without problems with protocol machines which use all 10 of the functions of the protocol. For this purpose, the functions of the protocol machine are restricted in such a manner that, apart from the message stream which assumes the special role, no others can be used. However, this requires that the protocol contains the required elements for rejecting unwanted messages. This 15 is provided in MDTP and MSSCOP.

A special feature of the invention relies in the 20 recognition that, for the complete transmission of information, protocols having a layout structure can be used which actually guarantee protected transmission without needing to implement the functions necessary 25 for sequence protection in the protocol machines.

The exemplary embodiment to be provided here is a 25 simplified implementation of a protocol machine for the MDTP protocol which is currently being discussed in its version 5 at the IETF. However, the possibility of rejecting a stream initiation (stream initiation NAK) is already being used here which will only be contained 30 in version 6 of the protocol. It is also assumed that stream 0, a stream having a special role, is modified to the extent that all data parts with stream identifier 0 carry the sequence number 0. This means that no sequence-protected transmission is possible in 35 stream 0.

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The performance in processing data parts does not differ from the standard:

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The differences in coding the protocol machines are 25 essentially as follows:

in the simplified implementation, the treatment of the stream management messages is trivial: either a message is send out (stream initiation Nak) or the received message is discarded. This essentially saves having to 30 code the treatment of these messages and completely the monitoring of the transmission of these messages. Furthermore, the code responsible for sequence protection within a stream does not need to be implemented. Furthermore, the complete receive buffer, 35 which is needed for sequence protection and may have to be very large since the size of the data parts is only

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restricted by the size of the UPD datagrams (approx. 64 kB), can be dispensed with. In the simplified implementation, this saves some of the

code and the essential part of the memory needed for the implementation.

Patent Claims

1. A protocol machine which uses for the processing of messages a protocol which comprises the functions for complete and sequence-protected transmission of messages, the protocol exhibiting a layered structure with respect to the complete and sequence-protected transmission, characterized in that the protocol machine for processing the messages only uses the functions of complete transmission of said protocol in conformance with the protocol.

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2. The protocol machine as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the functions of the protocol machine are restricted in such a manner that only the message stream in which the messages are not transmitted sequence-protected can be used for transmitting messages with the aid of the protocol.

3. The protocol machine as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said protocol is the MDTP.

4. The protocol machine as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said protocol is the MSSCOP.

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FIGURE 1
Abbildung 1

STRUCTURE OF PROTOCOL MACHINES
Struktur von Protokollmaschinen
für geschichtete Protokolle
FOR LAYERED PROTOCOLS

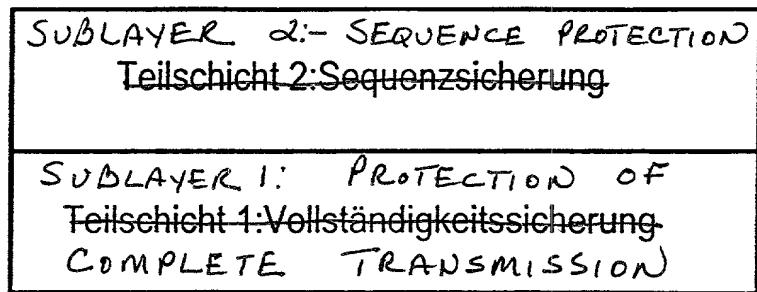
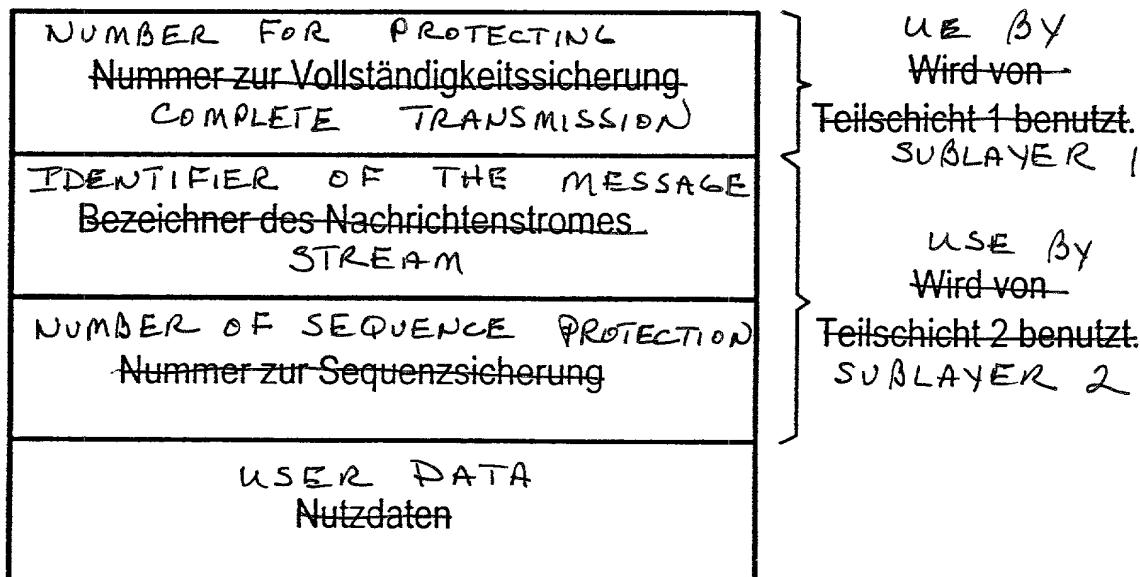


FIGURE 2
Abbildung 2

STRUCTURE OF MESSAGE FORMATS OF
Struktur der Nachrichtenformate von
Nutzdaten bei geschichteten Protokollen
USER DATA WITH LAYERED PROTOCOLS



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